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The Most Fascinating Miracle of the Qur'an

Introduction:

All praise is to Allah – the one who created us from ‘a sperm-drop mixture’ (Quran 76:2) and revealed the most miraculous book to our prophet, Muhammad ﷺ. He is Allah, the ONE and only, who sent down the Quranic scripture which clearly explains the code of human life, the criteria to judge right from wrong. O Allah, bestow Your peace and blessings upon our Rasool ﷺ, his companions and followers – Aameen.

‘The most fascinating miracle of the Quran’ is perhaps not anything new. There is no Muslim on the face of this Earth, who does not believe that it is the inspired word of God. The salient question, however, is on what basis can we determine this scripture to be inspired and miraculous? After all, there are thousands of claims ‘out there’ which propose to prove, for instance, that the Bible is the word of God, or the Vedas is the word of God.

In this article, In Sha Allah, I will try to explain, one particular aspect or a miracle of the Qur'an which clearly defies all odds and stands out in comparison to all other scriptures on the face of this Earth. This, however, could be subjective, as there are hundreds of fascinating miracles in the Quran and this one is my favourite!

The Miracle of all Miracles

First of all, let me educate you a bit on what a miracle is. As Hamza Andreas Tzortzis, an eminent Muslim speaker explains, it is an act of impossibility: something we cannot explain via nature. In other words, when we exhaust nature, and not find a possible explanation for something – that is a miracle! To give you a simple example, imagine I opened a bottle of Coke, drank half of it, put the lid back on, gave it a good shake and ‘abracadabra’; behold! - a living human made of Coke appears right in front of you!

Sounds absurd right? Well, if it indeed happened, it would certainly be an act of impossibility, wouldn't it?

Now, let's focus our attention on the main subject of this article – the most fascinating miracle of the Quran.

When Prophet Muhammad ﷺ openly started giving dawah (calling people to Islam), the polytheists (people who believe and worship multiple gods) started viciously attacking the prophet and the holy Quran - questioning and defaming him. They didn't believe him to be a prophet, saying things like "What is this messenger that eats food and walks in the markets? Why was there not sent down to him an angel so he would be with him a warner? Or [why is not] a treasure presented to him [from heaven], or does he [not] have a garden from which he eats?" (25:7-8). Even worse, they denied the authenticity of the scripture, the Quran, which Allah revealed to Muhammad ﷺ claiming that he was, "a man affected by magic." (25:8).

The messenger was grief-stricken by such claims when Allah comforted him by assuring him that the prophet was "none, but a warner and Allah is the disposer of all things" (11:12) and to prove the authenticity of the Quran, then in Surah Hud (Chapter 11), Allah revealed one of the most miraculous verses:

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِعَشْرِ سُوْرٍ مِّثْلِهِ مُفْتَرِيَاتٍ وَادْعُوا مَنِ اسْتِطَعْتُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

Or do they say, "He invented it"? Say, "Then bring **ten surahs (chapters)** like it that have been invented and call upon [for assistance] whomever you can besides Allah, if you should be truthful." (Verse, 13)

Analysis of Chapter 11, Verse 13 – A mathematically miraculous verse

On the surface level, it's just like any other verse in the Quran. However, the miraculous nature of it can only be realized through a thorough analysis. What is so miraculous about this verse is not simply the fact that from the time of its revelation till today, no one has been able to meet its challenge, but also the mathematically encoded information itself. Let us begin!

أَمْ	يَقُولُونَ	اِفْتَرَاهُ	قُلْ	فَاتُوا	بِعَشْرِ	سُورٍ	مِّثْلِهِ
Or	do they say	"He invented it"?	Say,	Then bring	ten	surahs	like it
مُفْتَرِيَاتٍ	وَادْعُوا	مَنْ	اسْتَطَعْتُمْ	مَنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ	إِنْ	كُنْتُمْ	
that have been invented	and call upon	whomever	you can	besides Allah	if	you should be	
صَادِقِينَ							
Truthful							

First of all, the variety or **different types of letters** used in the clause up to the word **بِعَشْرِ**

"AAashri" (which means ten), is exactly 10! They are:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Qaaf	Laam	Faaf	Alif	Taa	Waaw	Baa	Ayn	Shin	Raa
ق	ل	ف	ا	ت	و	ب	ع	ش	ر

Secondly, the number of dotted letters up to the word **عَشْرٍ** "AAashri" (which means ten), is 10 again!

Dotted letters	Number of times repeated	Total
ا Alif	5 times	5
ل Laam	3 times	3
ر Raa	2 times	2
		10

(More about Arabic diacritics: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_diacritics)

Like in any other language, Arabic language has syllables too. To identify syllables, reciters pause at what is called Sejavend which are subdivision marks in the Qur'an for reading in accordance with meaning. Upon analysis we come to know that the number of syllables in the verse up to the expression **عَشْرٍ سُورٍ مِثْلِهِ مُفْتَرِيَاتٍ** (Then bring ten surahs (chapters) like it that have been invented) is 10.

Another fascinating aspect of the verse is the total number of letters in the expression **عَشْرٍ سُورٍ مِثْلِهِ** "AAashri suwarin mithlihi" which means **ten surahs like it**. Below are the letters in the expression, you do the math!

ع ش ر س و ر م ث ل ه

Similarly, the number of syllables from the term **عَشْرٍ سُورٍ مِثْلِهِ** (**ten surahs like it**) till the end of the verse is 10.

Furthermore, in the expression itself **بِعَشْرِ سُورٍ مِّثْلِهِ** (**ten surahs like it**), a total of 10 different types of letters are used. They are:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
هـ	ل	ث	م	و	س	ر	ش	ع	ب

Finally, it is indeed amazing to know that the letters in the term **عَشْرِ سُورٍ** (10 surahs) appear a total of ten times, from the beginning of the verse and up to the expression **عَشْرِ سُورٍ**

Don't believe? Let's do some math and counting!

Here is the verse up to **أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِعَشْرِ سُورٍ** (Or do they say, "He invented it"? Say, "Then bring ten surahs")

Letters in the expression	Number of times repeated	Total
ع Ayn	1 time	1
ش Shiin	1 time	1
ر Raa	3 times	3
س Siin	1 time	1
و Waaw	4 times	4

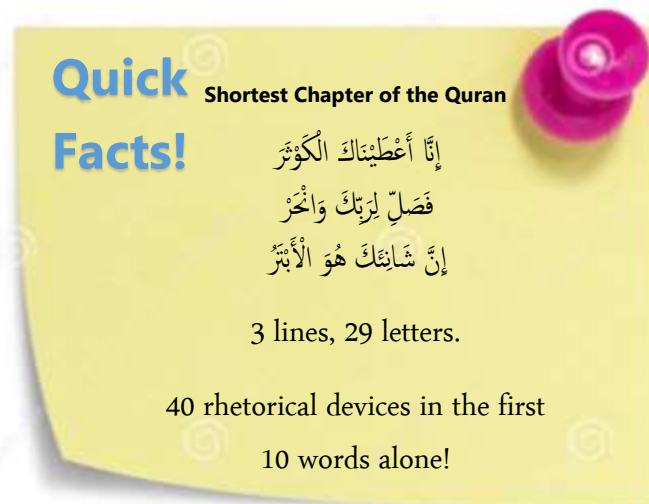
Amazingly

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SubuhaanAllahi, Allah Akbar. The moment I came across this verse while reading about the mathematical miracles in the Quran, I knew it wasn't just an ordinary verse. By now, if you are a thinker and as the Quran describes in 13:3, a people who think and reflect, you must have realized the miraculous nature of the analysed verse.

This miracle is further strengthened by Allah's challenging statement in Chapter 17, verse 88:

Say, "If mankind and the jinn gathered in order to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like of it, even if they were to each other assistants." (78:88)



More significantly, the literary form and the encoded rich data of the Quran is so amazing and impossible to replicate that Allah further challenges the whole of humankind to produce even one chapter like the Quran's if they don't believe it to be from Allah.

Or do they say [about the Prophet], "He invented it?" Say, "Then bring forth a surah like it and call upon [for assistance] whomever you can besides Allah, if you should be truthful." (10:38)

And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down upon Our Servant [Muhammad(pbuh)], then produce a surah the like thereof and call upon your witnesses other than Allah , if you should be truthful. (2:23)

Our creator does not stop there! Regarding the challenge, in verse 24 of Chapter 2, Allah employs ellipsis and says "you will never be able to", which firmly confirms that even if the humans tried, they could never do it.

As you would justly agree, it has been over 1400 years since the Quran was revealed and till today, this challenge, the irreplicability of the Quran, has not been met by anyone on the face of this Earth!

There is no doubt that the verse analysed in this article indeed is miraculous. However, the biggest miracle is the fact that the Quran has remained intact till today and hypothetically, even if all the religious scriptures of all the religions were to be burned and destroyed, the Quran will, In Sha Allah, be THE ONLY BOOK which will be brought back to life in no time.

To conclude, I urge you to reflect on the following verses of the Quran and ask yourself "Where am I going? What do I really know about this miraculous book?" And remember, what I have covered in this article is just a drop in the ocean. Explore the ocean for yourself.

And it was not [possible] for this Qur'an to be produced by other than Allah, but [it is] a confirmation of what was before it and a detailed explanation of the [former] Scripture, about which there is no doubt, from the Lord of the worlds. (10:37)

Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an? If it had been from [any] other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction. (4:82)

Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian. And We had certainly sent [messengers] before you, [O Muhammad (pbuh)], among the sects of the former peoples. (15:9-10)

Then, would you [not] be Muslims? (11:14)

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